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F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 28, 1892. 1435

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,  
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Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

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Hongkong, November 26, 1892. 22

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In great variety.

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DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices. 743

## Impressions.

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THE Short RANGE CUP will be Shot for on SATURDAY, the 10th Inst. Range, 500 and 600 yards. Time, 2.45 p.m.

ED. ROBINSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 5, 1892. 2125

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GEO. W. H. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, November 5, 1892. 1960

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GOOD morning, Gentlemen! I do you wish to prevent premature death from disease, thus sit at once for ESENJEFF's WONDERFUL RING! It cures Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Piles, Liver Complaints within a short period, and rapidly cures all attacks of Epilepsy, Spasms, Colic, Palpitation, Hydrocephalus, and keeps the blood free from all disease, by keeping it only on the finger of the left hand. It can strongly state as a means of preserving and restoring health it is unequalled, as it has been used by several European Ladies and Gentlemen with great success, for which I hold several unverified testimonials. It is the most wonderful discovery of the day. I have no hesitation in stating before the public that all houses should not be without it; and its price is also very little, only Rs. 1/8 including packing and postage, &c. Dozen Rs. 12/-; a dozen Rs. 7/8. Apply to Dr. ESENJEFF, 85, Beckon Chatterjee's Street, CALCUTTA.

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## Business Notices.

### Christmas 1892 !!

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CHRISTMAS CAKES and BISCUITS.

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An Assortment of PROVISIONS suitable for the Season. Special YORK HAMS, STILTON and GORGONZA CHEESE.

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Hongkong, December 3, 1892. 2121

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The Rates for Board and Lodging during the WINTER Months, from 1st November to 31st March, have been REDUCED as follows:—

One person, one day ..... \$ 2.50

Married couple, do ..... 3.50

One person, one month ..... 50.00

Married couple, do ..... 85.00

For Full Particulars apply to VICTORIA HOTEL.

Hongkong, October 25, 1892. 1873

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## To-day's Advertisements.

**TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!**  
AT WEST POINT.

A MONSTER ATTRACTION.  
EUROPE AND AMERICA ENCIRCLED  
AT LAST.

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FIRST APPEARANCE IN HONGKONG OF  
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ALL THE FAVORITES REMAIN.

Doors Open at 8 p.m. Performance at 9 p.m.  
PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Box of 6 Chairs.....\$12.00  
Single Seat in Box.....2.00  
Dress Circle Chairs.....1.50  
Stalls (Carpeted Seats).....0.50  
Gallery (for Chinese only).....0.30  
Box Plan on view at KELLY & WALSH'S,  
where seats can be booked.

ROBERT LOVE,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2137

### SINGING AND PIANO.

SIGNOR GATTANEO, having returned  
from Europe, has pleasure in inform-  
ing the Community, that he will be in a  
position to RESUME TEACHING in a few  
days.

Apply to  
MISS KELLY & WALSH,  
Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2138

**ZETLAND LODGE**  
No. 525.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in the FREE-  
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on SATUR-  
DAY NEXT, the 10th instant, at 8.30 for  
9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are  
cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2139

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
*Huia*, Capt. GODDARD, will be  
despatched on the above  
on THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAE & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2136

### SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,  
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship  
*Bronzire*, Capt. JACKSON, will be  
despatched above on  
THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
PODWELL, CARHILL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 1897

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
*Diamond*, Capt. DICKENS, will be  
despatched as above on  
THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2073

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.  
The Steamship  
*Taiyuan*, Captain NEILSON, will be  
despatched on SATUR-  
DAY, the 10th instant, at Daylight.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2110

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DISTILLED FROM THE LEAVES OF  
SELECTED SPECIES OF EUCALYPTUS.  
EUCALYPTUS OIL has become a  
"Mountain Remedy" in England,  
India, and the Colonies and in Australia it  
is used for nearly every known disease.  
When applied externally it has a powerful  
stimulant and soothing action but does not  
blister the most sensitive skin, and no ap-  
plication knows till so quickly subdue the  
pain of muscular rheumatism.

Taken internally, in small doses, it acts  
as a powerful stimulant and antispasmodic  
whilst its secondary action induces sleep.

The penetrating agreeable vapor of the  
Oil is sedative, and when inhaled relieves  
Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, and Sore  
Throat.

It is also a most powerful antiseptic and  
germicide being three times as effectual as  
Carbolic Acid in preventing development  
of Bacteria. It uses in this direction being  
very numerous.

The active properties of the Oil depend  
upon a Terebinth called Eucalyptol and we  
guarantee this Oil, prepared specially for  
us, to contain the largest obtainable per-  
centage of Eucalyptol and twice that of the  
ordinary Eucalyptus Oil of commerce.

Sold in Bottles @ 50 Cents and \$1.00.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & CO., LTD.,  
Victoria Dispensary.

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## To-day's Advertisements.



### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR  
will Preside over a PUBLIC MEET-  
ING to be held in the COURON CHAMBER,  
on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at 5.30  
p.m., with view of ascertaining the views  
of the Community in regard to the main-  
tenance of the Volunteer Corps.

All who take an interest in the Volunteer  
Movement are cordially invited to attend.

By Command,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1892. 2141

### N O T I C E .

M R. HORMASJER EDALJEER BAM-  
JEE has joined our Firm as a  
PARTNER from the 21st October, 1892.  
TATA & Co.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2140

### SHIPPING.

#### ARRIVALS.

December 5:

*Sutlej*, British steamer, 2,103, W. D. G.  
Worcester, Shanghai December 3. Mail  
and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

*Takao*, British steamer, 1,107, O. An-  
derson Chinkiang December 1, General—  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

December 6:

*Rio*, German steamer, from Whampoa.

*Takao*, British steamer, 977, Freeman,  
Swatow December 5, Balik-cakes for Java.

*JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.*

*Admiral German*, Mr. 400, C. Petersen,  
Pahki December 2, and Holloway 4, General—  
Wright & Co.

*Breconshire*, British steamer, 1,640, Jack-  
son, Yokohama and Port December 2,  
General—DOWDELL, CAXLILL & Co.

*Hasten*, British steamer, 1,183, F. D.  
Goddard, Foochow December 2, Amy 3,  
and Swatow 6, General—DOWDELL, CAXLILL &  
Co.

*Chuchowfoo*, German steamer, 736, F.  
Clausen, Clefco November 30, Beans and  
General—MEICHES & Co.

*Tachien*, British steamer, 826, R. Uns-  
ter, Bangkok Nov. 26, and Aming 27,  
General—YUNG FAT HONG.

*Nobie*, German steamer, 1,440, E. G.  
Pfaff, Kobe November 30, General—  
STEMSON & Co.

*Victoria*, Norwegian steamer, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

December 6:

*Actis*, for Hoichow.

*Fokien*, for Swatow.

*Fuzhou*, for Whampoa.

*Taiwan*, for Whampoa.

*Yarra*, for Shanghai.

*Tomen*, for Shanghai.

*Takao*, for Samrang.

*Cosmopolitan*, for Dolo.

*Maiwa*, for Shanghai.

*Chuchowfoo*, for Whampoa.

CLEARED.

*Eros Soule*, for New York.

*Deutsch*, for Kobe.

*Zafiro*, for Amoy.

*Eko*, for Wuhan.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

*Per Tsien*, from Chinkiang, 11 Chinese.

*Per Takao*, from Swatow, 35 Chinese.

*Per Haikou*, from Coast Ports, Rev. Mr.

and Mrs. Bennett, Miss Slatter, Messrs. A.

Fuller, Chow Ping Alun, and 254 Chinese.

*Per Chuchowfoo*, from Chafao, Mr.

and Mrs. Fourtard and child, and 1 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

*Per Sutlej*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Messrs. J. H. Cockedge, J. Brown and native servant, J. Levy and native servant, Roche and native servant, M.

Hayen, and 7 Chinese; for Bombay, Mr.

W. G. Walker; from London: for

Hongkong, Mr. Itoke and servant; for

Calcutta, Messrs. Mac. Beddoe; for Bom-  
bay, Messrs. Chow Ping Alun, and 254 Chinese.

*Per Fugui*, for Foochow, Mr. G. Nagasaki; for  
Tokio, Mr. B. Norris, Mr. B. E. Gurley, and Mrs. Hooken; for London via  
Bombay, Lady Mabel Fitzgerald, and Lady  
Nesta Fitzgerald; from Tokio: for Singa-  
pore, Colonel Collin, R.E.; for Colombo,  
Mr. J. Caldecott; for Brindisi via Bombay,  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Buckley and child, Mr. J.  
H. Hooper, and Miss E. Brown.

*Per Taikoo*, from Hangkow, 30 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

*Per Yarrow*, for Shanghai, Messrs. J.

David, W. G. Robinson, F. W. Koch, and

A. Levy; for Yokohama, Mrs. Marshall, Mr.

Lai Bui Wool, and Mr. Itano.

*Per Hofnung*, for Haiphong, Messrs. P.

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*Per Fuban*, for Swatow, 250 Chinese.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

during the present year: the Committee accordingly would recommend that the first training period should be fixed for the month of March 1893, and that the month of March should be permanently adopted for the annual training of the Corps. In this way the money needed for the year 1892 could be utilized for initial expenses and provision could be made for the first of the annual requirements in the Budget for 1893. The Committee would point out that at present no provision had been made for the amount of \$3,200 set down in the initial expenses for Dress Allowances to Officers, the allowance in question can only be earned by each Officer after he has passed the examination necessary for qualifying for the rank he may be holding; and as few if any of the Officers could pass any such examination until they had gone through at least one training, this amount of \$3,200 would most certainly not be required after March 1893, at earliest, and would very probably be spread over a considerably longer period.

The Committee are obliged for the personnel that has been afforded them by Major-General Barker's notes upon their first Report, and trust that the way they have adopted for applying to and commenting upon them, in the accompanying sheets, will have approval: it appears to them to be the simplest way in which it can be done.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your Obedient Servant,

J. J. FRANCIS,  
Acting Honorary Secretary to the  
Volunteer Committee.

To the Honorable G. T. O'BRIEN,  
Colonial Secretary,

&c., &c.

COMMENTS UPON MAJOR-GENERAL BARKER'S  
NOTES ON THE FIRST REPORT OF  
THE VOLUNTEER COMMISSION  
OF 1892.

4.—The General mentions that an "alternative" to the Drill Hall and Club proposal had been put forward.

Though not mentioned doubtless the "alternative" suggestion is that the present Volunteer Head Quarters should be utilized in lieu of the suggested Club and Armoury in Duddell Street. Were this feasible the following would probably be the saving:

In Initial Expenditure.

Cost of present stock of furniture at City Club ...\$1000
Further furniture &c. required for proposed Armoury ... ... ... \$1000
In Annual Expenditure.
Rent of Armoury (\$120 per month) ... ... ... \$1800
Rent of Drill Hall (\$200 per month) ... ... ... 2400
4200

Less living, fuel, light, etc.  
Allowance for Adjutant ... \$9000

say \$50 per month

The present Head Quarters have been specially inspected: they would require various alterations and doing up and extra furniture which could probably be done for \$1000, and the Electric light installation for the building and the Drill compound would probably require about \$1000, so there would be no saving as regards the two principal items of expenditure, and, in the initial Expenditure, as regards the initiation of a building for the new requirements, it would be necessary that it should be given up in its entirety to the corps (which would necessitate providing another building elsewhere for the Stores &c. at present in it), and even then it would give barely sufficient room for the many requirements of a first-class Armoury, certainly not part of it could be utilized in any way for anything in the shape of a club. It might be possible to have the Armoury in the building and the Club or Head Quarters as suggested in the building at the top of Duddell Street, but such arrangement would be only a little saving, and in the annual expenditure only the rest of the building in Duddell Street (\$2000). On the other hand such an arrangement would be most undesirable, it would entirely do away with the "Central" idea of the whole scheme, and must lead to a divided interest, and the probability is that the Club would altogether lose the "Military" portion of its character and drift into the hands of such of the members of the Corps who are likely to take more interest in it from a "cavalier" point of view than a "soldiering" one. Whereas if the two buildings are side by side and treated as a whole, there would be no chance of any dissatisfaction of their object for which they were established, a stricter general supervision could be exercised over them, and they would be looked upon as a single military institution maintained for a specific purpose. The Army is "soldiers" and the Club is "indians," working together to a desired end, to obtain as many men as possible and to train them as much as possible, and it would be a pity to run any risk of defeating this end merely for the sake of saving 2 to \$3000 a year which only represents the number of 20 or 30 men, whereas such a course might cost the Corps the services of 60 or 70 or even more men.

5.—It is of opinion that all the Officers should pay their own expenses as regards uniforms &c.

The Committee are still of opinion that a grant of \$200 should be made to each officer towards his outfit; a prudent man would be quoted, in the army itself, as every man promoted from the ranks to a commission always receives a "bit" in amount towards his new outfit. This allowance would only be made once in the case of each officer as he would be expected to replace everything afterwards by his own expense. The Committee are quite aware that an officer's uniform, &c., should last him for many years, the "limit of time" never having applied to the private and uncommissioned men, and the uniform would as mentioned in the Report be entirely at the option of each officer to have or not as he may think fit, but undoubtedly he should have a proper full dress uniform, including cloth coat and silver belt, in which he could appear at all public functions, reviews &c. precisely as any R. A. Officer would. A Volunteer Officer should have impressed upon him that he has an "official" position to maintain just as much as any officer of the Regular Army has, and that the Queen's Regulations upon Dress must be strictly adhered to by the members of the senior service.

C.—He points out that the R. A. rank and file in Hongkong have only serge jackets issued to them.

Certainly no cloth tunics are issued here to the R. A., but every man in India, and elsewhere has one. A man unquestionably looks very much smarter in a tunic, and general smartness should be impressed as much as possible upon Volunteers who are liable to go into the ranks by getting up drill.

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D.—He hopes that the War Office authorities might be ready to issue ammunition free.

At home a certain amount of ammunition ball and blank is granted by the government, and has to volunteers for instruction purposes, but this practically forms an integral portion of the general volunteer grant consisting of, in addition to the regular capitation grant, supplies of cloth for clothing, services of Adjutant and Drill Instructors, sometimes shooting ranges and other sundries according to requirements. Here in Hongkong anything spent in connection with the volunteers either directly or indirectly will have to be ultimately debited to the Forces as a whole, hence the reason for calling attention to the requirement of ammunition in the Report and making special provision for it.

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Further furniture &c. required for proposed Armoury ... ... ... \$1000
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4200

Less living, fuel, light, etc.

Allowance for Adjutant ... \$9000

say \$50 per month

The present Head Quarters have been specially inspected: they would require various alterations and doing up and extra furniture which could probably be done for \$1000, and the Electric light installation for the building and the Drill compound would probably require about \$1000, so there would be no saving as regards the two principal items of expenditure, and, in the initial Expenditure, as regards the initiation of the initial Expenditure, as regards the initiation of a building for the new requirements, it would be necessary that it should be given up in its entirety to the corps (which would necessitate providing another building elsewhere for the Stores &c. at present in it), and even then it would give barely sufficient room for the many requirements of a first-class Armoury, certainly not part of it could be utilized in any way for anything in the shape of a club. It might be possible to have the Armoury in the building and the Club or Head Quarters as suggested in the building at the top of Duddell Street, but such arrangement would be only a little saving, and in the annual expenditure only the rest of the building in Duddell Street (\$2000). On the other hand such an arrangement would be most undesirable, it would entirely do away with the "Central" idea of the whole scheme, and must lead to a divided interest, and the probability is that the Club would altogether lose the "Military" portion of its character and drift into the hands of such of the members of the Corps who are likely to take more interest in it from a "cavalier" point of view than a "soldiering" one. Whereas if the two buildings are side by side and treated as a whole, there would be no chance of any dissatisfaction of their object for which they were established, a stricter general supervision could be exercised over them, and they would be looked upon as a single military institution maintained for a specific purpose. The Army is "soldiers" and the Club is "indians," working together to a desired end, to obtain as many men as possible and to train them as much as possible, and it would be a pity to run any risk of defeating this end merely for the sake of saving 2 to \$3000 a year which only represents the number of 20 or 30 men, whereas such a course might cost the Corps the services of 60 or 70 or even more men.

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The Committee are still of opinion that a grant of \$200 should be made to each officer towards his outfit; a prudent man would be quoted, in the army itself, as every man promoted from the ranks to a commission always receives a "bit" in amount towards his new outfit. This allowance would only be made once in the case of each officer as he would be expected to replace everything afterwards by his own expense. The Committee are quite aware that an officer's uniform, &c., should last him for many years, the "limit of time" never having applied to the private and uncommissioned men, and the uniform would as mentioned in the Report be entirely at the option of each officer to have or not as he may think fit, but undoubtedly he should have a proper full dress uniform, including cloth coat and silver belt, in which he could appear at all public functions, reviews &c. precisely as any R. A. Officer would. A Volunteer Officer should have impressed upon him that he has an "official" position to maintain just as much as any officer of the Regular Army has, and that the Queen's Regulations upon Dress must be strictly adhered to by the members of the senior service.

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	1176
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